

Summary of Experience

Since 2010, the President and Managing Member of CLM Engineering Associates, LLC, which concentrates its focus on forensic engineering/expert witness evaluations for the insurance industry and legal community. In addition, we offer construction management, civil engineering, value engineering and building inspection services.

We have advised numerous clients with respect to their current and potential structural issues related to the acquisition and disposition of real estate (both residential and commercial), performed costs estimates/projections and have vast experience in performing quality assurance inspections for high-rise apartment buildings and rental communities in both Connecticut and New Jersey.

Some of the recently (since November 2013) resolved forensic cases include the following:

Expert for the Plaintiff

Arruda vs. E & A Markets-Deposition was taken

- Worker injured while operating scissor lift equipment inside a grocery store **(SETTLED VIA MEDIATION)**.

Schlemmer vs. Bethel Handyman Supply

- Customer slipped and fell on sidewalk outside a hardware store of a retail/commercial shopping center **(SETTLED)**.

Trumbull Towers Management vs. MDC-Deposition was taken

- Water main and associated service piping burst and lead to substantial commercial office building damage within a large city in the State of Connecticut **(SETTLED)**.

Marchetti vs. Branson Ultrasonic Corporation

Security officer was severely injured while working the night shift in order to avoid a deer she inadvertently rammed into a concrete supporting base for a parking lot lighting fixture **(JURY TRIAL IN FAVOR OF THE DEFENDANT-DRAFTED A FORENSIC REPORT BUT WAS NOT DEPOSED NOR DID I TESTIFY)**.

Expert for the Defense

Ford vs. St. Francis Hospital, Turner Construction, et al.

Construction technician was injured while carrying construction materials from the upper level of a high-rise hospital building addition to the ground level in the State of Connecticut. **(COURT VERDICT IN FAVOR OF MY CLIENTS ON 12-24-14; -SERVED AS A TRIAL CONSULTANT)**.

Wren vs. Lord & Taylor, LLC

Young girl was injured when 2 large, heavy antiquated doors and associated swinging mechanisms malfunctioned and the girl was pinned between the doors **(SETTLED)**.

Dahm vs. The Whitney Shoppe

Customer of a high-end gift shop severely injured her hip on a step along the interior of such store **(SETTLED VIA ARBITRATION)**.

Doherty vs. Pet Smart

Visitor to the retail establishment fell at the entryway due to alleged defects in the exterior walkway. **(SETTLED)**.

Forensic Case Experience (Current):**Expert for the Plaintiff**

- Tenant slipped and fell adjacent to a condominium development in the State Connecticut-Deposition was taken.
- Tenant fell down staircase of multi-family residence in the State of Connecticut.
- Tenant slipped and fell on black ice outside a multi-family property in the State of New Jersey.
- Builder/general contractor caused substantial damage in the course of construction to a single-family residence in the State of Connecticut.
- Construction worker was severely injured while operating a table saw when conducting work at a University in the State of New Jersey.
- Tenant of a multi-family residence was injured due to improper stair railing installation in the State of New Jersey.
- Visitor slipped and fell on a particular hole while playing miniature golf.
- Tenant fell through the attic space of a condominium development in the State of Connecticut.
- Neighbor fell over an existing retaining wall structure on private/residential property.
- Customer tripped and fell over ramp in front of restaurant establishment.

Expert for the Defense

- Customer slipped on the pavement/sidewalk of a retail shopping center in the State of New Jersey.

- Customer slipped and fell in the State of Connecticut outside a major retailer.
- Visitor to a national sandwich chain fell at the means of egress/ingress to the location in the State of Connecticut.
- Single-family residence was damaged due to vehicular impact in the State of Connecticut.
- Single-family residence was damaged due to tree impact in the State of Connecticut.
- Single-family residence incurred substantial ‘collateral’ damage due to a natural gas explosion in the State of Connecticut.

Forensic Case Experience (Other Cases):

- Neighbor fell over an existing retaining wall structure on private/residential property.
- Concrete block foundation wall collapse due to Hurricane Sandy.
- Structural damage to residential buildings due to explosion event.
- Commercial building issues resulting from a structural fire.
- Brick collapse on commercial building.
- Detachment of chimney from residential building due to winter storm event.
- Water inundation in mechanical room of commercial building due to improper construction.
- Deck settlement on residential structure.
- Bowing of retaining wall due to construction defects and excessive parking lot loading.
- Collapse of shallow trusses supporting roof of commercial building due to excessive snow loading.
- Builder/general contractor caused numerous construction defects to a single-family residence in the State of Connecticut resulting in extensive water intrusion and resulting damage to the interior.